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Applicant(s): Takashi Watanabe

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For: REDUCED THERMAL RELEASE EFFECT AMPLIFICATION-TYPE SOLID
IMAGING DEVICE AND METHOD OF DRIVING THE SAME (AS AMENDED)

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Sir:

**REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.312 FOR CONSIDERATION OF REFERENCE CROSSED OUT
BY EXAMINER ON FORM PTO-1449 SUBMITTED WITH ABOVE APPLICATION**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312, Applicants hereby respectfully request that the Examiner consider the attached copy of their Information Disclosure Statement and the cited documents attached thereto as filed in the above-identified application on 19 January 2001, and that all of the cited documents be included among the references listed on the patent issued on the above-identified application.

On 19 January 2001, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified application citing three references (copy enclosed). The return receipt postcard date stamped by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (copy enclosed) indicated that that Information Disclosure Statement and the three references attached thereto were duly received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The Examiner acknowledged her consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on 19 January 2001 by providing the Applicant with a copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied that Statement with the Official Action in the above-identified application of 14 December 2004.

Recently, in connection with a review of the file for this application in light of the issuance of a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, it was noticed that the Examiner crossed out the citation of one of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement submitted with this application on 19 January 2001 in the course of her signing, dating and initialing thereof in confirmation of her consideration of the art cited therein. It is presently unknown to Applicant whether the Examiner's action in this regard is indicative of her failure to receive a copy of the crossed out reference, or whether the Examiner refused to consider that reference because it was predominantly in the Japanese language (not translation being readily available to Applicant).

In either event, Applicant herewith is resubmitting the Information Disclosure filed with this application including the accompanying Form PTO-1449 and cited references. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this Information Disclosure Statement and provide Applicant with a copy of the Form PTO-1449 accompanying the same duly signed, dated and initialed in confirmation of her consideration of all of the references listed therein. Further, Applicant respectfully requests the all of the references cited in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement be included among the list of cited art on the United States Patent to be issued based upon this application.

In particular, Applicant requests that in response to this Request without withdrawing the above-identified application from issue, the Examiner confirm her consideration of the originally provided Sone, et al article entitled "New Driving Method of CPD Solid-State Imaging Sensor" that is predominantly in the Japanese language but contains certain pertinent information interlineated in handwritten English as well as several self explanatory drawing figures (as explained in the originally filed Information Disclosure Statement).

Applicants believe that additional fees beyond those submitted herewith are not required in connection with the consideration of this Request. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 04-1105, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees which may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 22, 2005

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(SUBMISSION AFTER FILING OF AN APPLICATION
BUT BEFORE FINAL REJECTION OR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE)**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date January 19, 2001

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

II. COPIES

a. ☒

Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

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III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE

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a. ☐ Except as may be indicated below in (b), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language or were cited in an English language Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto (concise explanation not required).

b. ☒ A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:

See English Abstract for Reference BA. While Reference CA is provided without a translation, certain pertinent information within the reference is provided in English.

c. ☐ The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration:

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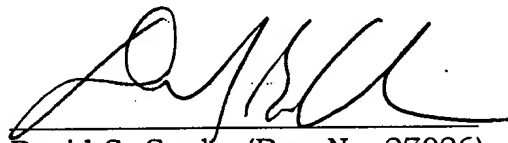
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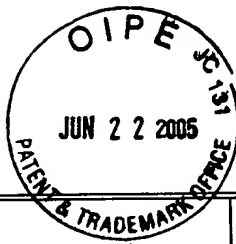
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	BA	2-196575	8/3/90	Japan			See English Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

CA	Y. Sone, et al. "New Driving Method of CPD Solid-State Imaging Sensor", Technical Report of the Television Society, ED 621, 1982, pp. 1-6.
CB	R. M. Guidash, et al. "A 0.6 μ m CMOS Pinned Photodiode Color Imager Technology." IEDM, 1997.

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Drawings 9 sheets ☒ formal ☐ informal

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